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SUBJECT: FCO APPROACH ON ROUND 4 OF COCOM LIST REVIEW

REF: LONDON 12004

1. WE WERE AWARE OF UK CONCERNS ON COCOM LIST REVIEW FROM EXCHANGES IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON. MAIN PURPOSE OF UK CHARGE DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WAS GENERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES RATHER THAN LIST REVIEW PREPARATIONS.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS, EMBASSY MAY NOTE THAT US FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEM AND WORKING TO ENSURE CONSTRUCTIVE US ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE INTEND SEND COMPLEMENT OF EXPERTS TO ROUND 4 DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS AND ENSURE THAT DELEGATION IS ADEQUATELY INSTRUCTED. HOWEVER, ONE REASON FOR LACK OF US PREPARATION FOR ROUND 3 WAS SHORT
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INTERVAL FROM ROUND 2. PRESENT PERIOD BEFORE ROUND 4

INCLUDES VACATION PERIOD INEFFICIENCIES WHILE OUR
TECHNICAL EXPERTS ALSO FULLY OCCUPIED WITH COCOM AND US
EXCEPTION CASE AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTATION CHANGES IN INTER-
NATIONAL LISTS ALREADY AGREED AND TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN
SEPTEMBER ON UK URGING. WE ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT
OCTOBER 13 WOULD RAISE PROBLEM OF US ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE
EFFECTIVELY IN ROUND 4 DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING THAT EARLY.

OUR PREFERENCE WOULD THEREFORE BE FOR RESUMING DISCUSSIONS
IN NOVEMBER, BUT WE WILL HAVE A BETTER BASIS TO JUDGE
TIMING BY SEPTEMBER WHEN COCOM WILL CONSIDER IT.

3. WE APPRECIATE UK OFFER OF BILATERAL TALKS AND WILL
GIVE THE MATTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IN RELATION TO
PREPARATIONS AS THEY PROGRESS. WE WILL ASSO ATTEMPT
KEEP UK INFORMED HERE, IN PARIS OR IN LONDON OF SUBSTANTIVE
CHANGES IN US POSITIONS THAT ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO
UK.

4. WE ARE STILL FORMULATING US POSITION ON VIBRATION
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